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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister  
Associate Research Director  
The Council for Tobacco Research  
900 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. McAllister:

The purpose of this is to request financial support from The Council for Tobacco Research to help cover the expenses of the 1990 Gordon Research Conference on Peptide Growth Factors. I am the chairman of this conference and Dr. David Clemons of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is co-chairman. We think we have developed an excellent program which will prove to be very beneficial to the scientific community. A copy of the preliminary program is enclosed; all of the speakers listed have agreed to participate.

The Gordon Research Conferences have a long-standing tradition of being among the best scientific meetings regularly held in this country. They are especially distinctive in fostering free exchange of ideas and information. In addition, I believe the theme of the conference and the program we have organized should make this meeting a particularly timely one. We will bring together people from differing but complementary fields to focus on the mechanism of action of growth regulatory peptides, both stimulatory and inhibitory. We will address the role of these factors in normal growth and development and in a variety of disease states, particularly cancer. Many of the topics that will be covered will be of special interest to your research program.

The total cost for the conference is estimated to be \$30,000, which will cover organizing expenses, travel, and subsistence of speakers and session chairmen. The Gordon Research Conference organization will provide only \$11,000. This amount is clearly insufficient so we need to raise an additional \$19,000 to cover all the expenses.

Any contribution that your company can offer will be very helpful and will be officially acknowledged in the cover of the conference's final program. Kindly make your check payable to the 1990 Gordon Research Conference on Peptide Growth Factors and mail it to me at the above address. This will help me to monitor closely the budgetary situation of the conference. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon N. Gill, M.D.  
Professor and Chairman

Enclosure